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Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 35th and 48th meetings, on 7 May and 5 July 2018. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/72/628);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 (A/72/735);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/72/789/Add.3).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/72/L.38

4. At its 48th meeting, on 5 July, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus"

[1] A/C.5/72/SR.35 and A/C.5/72/SR.48.

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(A/C.5/72/L.38), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Yemen.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/72/L.38 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 2398 (2018) of 30 January 2018, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 31 July 2018,

Recalling also its resolution 47/236 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 71/300 of 30 June 2017,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,[3]

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 30 April 2018, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 15.5 million United States dollars, representing some 2.5 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 66 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

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[1] A/72/628 and A/72/735.

[2] A/72/789/Add.3.

[3] S/1994/647.

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Decides* to allocate an amount of 2,565,300 dollars for air operations from the overall resources for the Force;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/286;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

12. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;[4]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

13. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 56,358,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of 52,938,900 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 2,732,400 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 687,400 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the appropriation

14. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of the net appropriation, equivalent to 17,850,500 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the amount of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece;

15. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 2,667,350 dollars for the period from 1 to 31 July 2018, in accordance with the levels updated

[4] A/72/628.

in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2018, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

16. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 233,933 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 210,625 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 18,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 4,908 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

17. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 13,336,750 dollars for the period from 1 August to 31 December 2018, at a monthly rate of 2,667,350 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2018, as set out in its resolution 70/245, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

18. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,169,667 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,053,125 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 92,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 24,542 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

19. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 16,004,100 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2019, at a monthly rate of 2,667,350 dollars, in accordance with the scale of assessments for 2019 and the updated levels,[5] subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

20. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 19 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,403,600 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,263,750 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 110,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 29,450 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

21. *Decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2017, that one third of the net unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 550,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus;

22. *Also decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2017, that the prorated share of the net unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 194,041 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 shall be returned to the Government of Greece;

23. *Further decides* to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

[5] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

24. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

25. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Force under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

26. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

27. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".